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Local News

Paw Paw and Vicinity

Frank Pugsley of Lawton was in Paw Paw last Saturday.

O. W. Rowland and daughter Mrs. Henry Shaefer visited relatives in Detroit over the week end.

Kenneth Buck of Kalamazoo has been visiting at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Jesse Barton.

Royal T. Hall of Grand Rapids was in Paw Paw the latter part of last week and visited his mother-in-law, Mrs. Bertha North.

The seventy-seventh anniversary of the Kalamazoo River Baptist association was celebrated in Paw Paw on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Mrs. Bertha North has gone to the home of her sister, Mrs. Henry Crawford of Lawrence who is in poor health. She expects to be there about two weeks.

Elmer Johnson has been transferred from Camp Custer to a camp in West Virginia. He is a Paw Paw boy, having been raised at the home of Roll Larkins.

The Miller Bros. have received their supply of cucumber seeds and the same will be distributed next week to those who have contracted to grow pickles for this concern.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Johnson of Lake Cora are enjoying a visit from their two daughters, Miss Edna and Mrs. B. W. Huscher and husband of Chicago, who will be here for a couple of weeks.

The opening of the trout season this year has been entirely devoid of the usual thrilling fish yarns. A few were caught on the opening day, and one big one was reported to have gotten away from one local enthusiast.

S. O. Kenyon has been granted a permit to spear the carp from Maple Lake. The first trial was Wednesday night, when Dr. Gilkey, Fred Showerman, Frank Stapleton and G. W. Lee in company with Mr. Kenyon speared thirty big ones.

Mrs. Roll Larkins went to Ann Arbor last Wednesday and brought Miss Lena Richmond home. She has been in the hospital there for three weeks taking treatment for blood poison. She came down with the measles on the way home.

Mrs. C. A. Sturtevant of Chicago has been in Paw Paw this week, closing up their business affairs here. Her son Frank came from Camp Custer to be with his mother here for a day or so the first of the week. The Sturtevant family have made many friends during their residence in Paw Paw, and it is to be regretted that this community is no longer to be their summer home.

SCHOOL NOTES

Two more victories were added to this year's winning column last week when the high school defeated Hartford 21 to 3 and Allegan 9 to 7. The first was a championship game and the first with Hartford this year while the Allegan victory was the second over that team thus far this season. Both contests were featured by heavy hitting, and as a whole the team looked far stronger than at any previous time. Dow and Poole furnished the battery during the Allegan game and throughout the greater share of the Hartford game though Bills and Ferguson both did part of the hurling against the county boys. Poole's catching is improving with each game and by the end of the season he will be a worthy battery mate for Dow.

Wood, who pitched for Hartford has a peculiar delivery and with better support would have kept the score down.

The Hartford team was made up mostly of freshmen and in a year or two should be a contender for county honors.

Bills who was relieved by Ferguson in the ninth was not taken out for fear of slaughter but to allow Ferguson a little practice.

Holcomb replaced Manning at first during part of the Allegan game and filled the position with credit.

Mit didn't work until the ninth against Allegan but just lobbed them over owing to a sore arm. When Allegan threatened however in the last inning, he settled down and put them back in one, two and three order.

Poole's catching at Allegan was highly commendable. He pegged three men out who tried to steal and in the last part of the game had them stopped still.

JUNIOR RED CROSS BENEFIT.

The members of the sixth grade will give a patriotic program in the High School Assembly on the evening of May 17th. The proceeds to be used in the Junior Red Cross.

The program will consist of war speeches and a dramatization by the sixth grade pupils, and the High school orchestra will furnish the music. The speeches and dramatization "The U. S. Children at War Work," were all planned and written by the pupils. The work being done in the English and Reading classes. Make plans now to spend your evening, May 17th, at the high school building. Admission ten cents.

Carl Wilson is home from Camp Wheeler for a short furlough.

Use home grown food, and watch for the posters made in the home school.

Advertised Letters—Dr. W. J. Armour, H. G. Baker, J. Gaynor, Dudley P. Hall.

Bill Killefer came home from Chicago last Monday to take the physical draft examination.

Glenn Healey is home from the Naval service for a furlough among relatives and friends.

Miss Ella Pike leaves today for Grand Rapids where she will remain for a week or ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rogers of Lansing were guests at the H. L. McNeil home over the week end.

Clarence Brown, formerly with Cooley and Company is the new clerk at Eaton and Mosier's store.

M. J. Truesdale of Bloomingdale was a welcome caller at The True Northerner office Thursday.

Mrs. Neil Liggitt of Kalamazoo is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lang.

Miss Emma Draper was in Lawrence last Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Abbie Rhodes.

Two hundred dollars will be turned over to the Red Cross as a result of the recent dancing party in Keeler.

Mrs. Will Payne who has spent the winter in the South is back home for the summer. Mr. Payne will follow soon.

Mrs. Ray Phillips and children are moving to Windsor, Canada to join her husband who has been there for some time.

Warner Stoughton of South Haven candidate for Register of Deeds was calling on Paw Paw friends the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Brockway and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Earle motored to Eau Claire last Sunday and spent the day with relatives and friends.

The price of bananas will now go up at the Frank Quintieri store on account of a brand new baby girl which arrived the first of the week.

Mrs. B. L. Sowle was the first lady in Paw Paw to be awarded the second cross for seventy-two hours work in the Surgical Dressings shop.

Frank Quintieri found a monstrous tarantula in a bunch of bananas recently. It was taken to the school house for examination and study by the students.

Doctors Bope and Maxwell of Decatur, Hamilton of Lawton, Bennett of Gobleville and Maxwell of Paw Paw conducted the examination of recruits Wednesday and Thursday.

Miss Etiole Allen of Los Angeles, California arrived here Monday and is a guest at the H. A. Cole home. Miss Etiole is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Allen former residents of Paw Paw.

Prominent speakers have been secured for the County Federation of Women at South Haven next Wednesday. The morning session will convene at 10:30 and the afternoon session at 1:30.

There will be patriotic programs held throughout the state on Sunday May 19th, under the direction of the Naval Recruiting stations. Full particulars and details of the program will be announced next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Williams rejoice over the arrival of a ten and a half pound baby girl. Verne says "A boy was ordered, but the Mail Order houses frequently make mistakes, but usually send something 'just as good'."

There will be a special meeting of Paw Paw Chapter O. E. S. next Wednesday evening, May 15th, for the purpose of electing a Worthy Matron. A special dispensation has been granted for the purpose and a full attendance is desired.

Word comes from Kalamazoo that Mrs. Barney O'Dell is getting along as well as could be expected under the circumstances. She is being cared for at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Shears, at 218 Spring street, Kalamazoo.

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Dean left on Thursday for Summerset, Kentucky where Mr. Dean has accepted a lucrative position on a paper in that city. He has been in the employ of the Free Press & Courier of Paw Paw since early last fall.

Several neighbors and friends gathered to assist Mrs. Phoebe DeGraff in celebrating her eighty-eighth birthday last Friday. Several gifts, including a birthday cake were left to remind this estimable lady of the esteem in which she is held.

Glenn Phillips of the Naval Service is home on a fifteen day furlough among his relatives and friends in Lawrence. He was in Paw Paw the first of the week and announced his marriage on Wednesday to Miss Hazel, daughter of Mrs. D. W. Hewitt of Lawrence. Glenn has been in the Navy now a year and a half, and has been across twice. He is on the Ship North Dakota, and expects that his ship will sail soon for permanent service over there.

Ed Finley and family of Hartford were in Paw Paw last Sunday.

Attorney T. J. Cavanaugh was in Detroit on business last Wednesday.

Supt. Orrin Kaye was in Kalamazoo on business the first of the week.

Use home grown food, and watch for the posters made in the home school.

Mrs. D. R. Thayer and daughter Miss Velma were Kalamazoo visitors on Saturday last.

Mr. and Mrs. George Weston were Sunday guests of her mother, Mrs. Cora Barrows in Lawrence.

Neil Chappel who has been in Charleston, West Virginia for several weeks returned home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hayward were in Lawrence last Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Abbie Rhodes.

Wm. Signor has been at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Glenn Markkille for the past three weeks sick with rheumatism.

Mrs. Edna Wilson and daughter, Miss Mae were in Parma, Michigan last Friday to attend the funeral of a cousin, Mrs. Clark.

Dr. W. F. Hoyt left on Wednesday for Jamesville, Wisconsin to attend to business matters. He expects to be gone about a week.

Mrs. J. E. Gilkey and mother Mrs. G. W. Lee went to Detroit last Wednesday. Mrs. Gilkey will drive their new Dodge car home from that city.

Mrs. E. B. Longwell returned home the first of the week from Jackson where she has been visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sanford.

There will be a regular convocation of Paw Paw chapter No. 34 R. A. M. next Monday evening May 13th. Every member is urged to be present.

W. R. Sirrine is in poor health again and unable to get out very much. His host of friends hope to see him about town as usual again soon.

The Third Division of the Presbyterian Ladies Aid society will hold an Apron Sale on Saturday, May 11th, at the Paw Paw Drug Co's store.

Horace MacDonald and family of Grand Rapids motored to Paw Paw and spent the first of the week at the home of her mother, Mrs. Elvira Morrison.

The County Federation of Women's clubs will meet in South Haven next Wednesday. It is hoped that as many of the Paw Paw ladies as possible will attend.

Miss Josephine Van Auken accompanied Dr. Frank Young and wife to South Haven last Friday and will spend the week visiting friends in that city and in Hartford.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cole and daughter Margaret motored to Allegan last Sunday and spent the day with relatives and friends in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Markkille entered last Sunday, Mrs. William Signor, Mrs. F. J. VanVoorheis of Gobleville, Frank Barker, J. R. Van Voorheis and family of Kendall and Mrs. Cassie Roberts and wife of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Warner and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stapleton motored to Battle Creek last Sunday and spent the day with J. B. Showerman who is at the Sanitarium, convalescing from his recent illness.

Miss Marjorie Clapp did not return from the hospital in Kalamazoo last Sunday as expected. She is planning however to be well enough to come home next Sunday. Her brother Theo, went to see her on Wednesday afternoon.

The Woman's Committee of the Liberty Loan Drive for this city sold an even \$44,000 worth of bonds. They are entitled to great credit, and we doubt very much if there is another city in the entire United States of equal size that can surpass that record.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon C. Decker arrived home the latter part of last week and are now receiving the congratulations of their host of Paw Paw friends. They are stopping for the present at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mina Decker on North Kalamazoo street, but will soon be in their own cozy home.

Mrs. Abbie Rhodes died at the home of her daughter Mrs. Edward Draper north of Lawrence on Friday last. She was seventy-two years of age, and had made her home with Mrs. Draper for the past nine years. She has been in poor health for several years and was found dead in her bed on Friday morning. The funeral was held from the home last Monday.

Two hundred forty Van Buren county boys appeared before the local Draft board for physical examination on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. This number practically depletes Class one of the draft. Seventeen of the boys will leave today for Columbus, Ohio, and it is unofficially announced that the next group will be called May 25th, but the number is not stated.

A number of wooden guns were ordered for the Home Guards before that organization became defunct, and since that time they have scattered promiscuously through the village. The local school would like to use them in their military training work, and it is requested that any person who has one of these guns in his possession to leave the same at Chappell's Cigar store, where the captain of the High School Military company can get them.

An auxiliary of the Junior Red Cross of the county was organized in the local schools this week. All grades are organized up to the high school which will organize later. Miss Grace Marshall is chairman of the auxiliary and Miss Veda Brown, secretary and treasurer. The sixth grade, under the direction of the teacher Miss Pearl Stephens, has planned an entertainment to be given at the school house on the evening of May 17th. The proceeds of the entertainment will go to the Junior Red Cross and every person in the community should plan to attend.

There are certain times of the year usually in the spring, when certain people are afflicted with a strange malady, which causes them to do unheard of things, and foolish stunts. During those periods they will pass their friends on the street and not recognize them. They wander about as if in a dream, and forget so to speak, that they are alive. The latest victim of this strange malady in Paw Paw is our good friend L. E. Shepard, and this is the fool stunt he pulled off. He planted two acres of onions, and when the job was completed found that he had run the drill backwards, and that there was as much seed in the drill at the finish as when he started. The drill was reversed, the onions re-drilled, Len has come out of it, and continues to smile.

Much interest was manifested in the first week of the True Northerner's Missing word contest, and a veritable flood of answers continued to pour in to the office until long after the contest closed on Tuesday noon. Just 152 replies had been received up to the closing hour, and several were received after that time, but of course under the rules of the contest they could not be counted. Not a single contestant missed the entire six words, although several gave only a part of them. Only one contestant gave the entire six words correctly, and the first prize goes to her, Mrs. Zilpha Ferguson of Paw Paw. Several were tied for second place, and the second prize goes to the one of these first received, Mrs. Fanny Ballard, Decatur. One dollar in Thrift Stamps will be awarded to the winner of the first prize, and a receipt for six months subscription to the winner of second prize. The missing words have all been replaced this week, and an entirely new list of six words taken from other advertisements for this weeks contest. Only one word is taken from an "ad" and that word is vital to its meaning. The contest affords an opportunity for interesting study. Many replies received referred to advertisements in which no words were omitted by design, but the contestant in some instances improved the language of the advertiser. Remember that all answers must be in before Tuesday noon of each week. No replies can be counted after that hour. Get the answers in early, for in case of a tie, the prize will go to the one whose answer is received first. One of the contestants last week, requested that the Thrift Stamps, in case she should be the winner, be turned over to the local Red Cross.

Everybody is proud of the magnificent and liberal response to the Third Liberty Loan. The government asked for three billion dollars and approximately four billion has been subscribed. The quota for Van Buren county was \$487,393 and the subscriptions total over \$690,000. Paw Paw's quota was \$46,990 and the amount subscribed totals \$94,950. That doubles the quota for Paw Paw and the Honor Flag will be adorned with a star. Pine Grove township also doubled its quota and will get a star. The amount subscribed in Paw Paw village was \$73,050, and in the township outside the village \$21,900. The amount subscribed by women was \$27,650, and the subscriptions secured by women workers in Paw Paw township was \$44,000. The total amount of bonds subscribed through the local banks is \$127,300, divided as follows:—First National Bank, \$76,650; Paw Paw Savings Bank, \$35,850; John W. Free & Co., \$14,800. The amount subscribed through the local banks for Paw Paw township is as follows:—First National Bank, \$53,250; Paw Paw Savings Bank, \$27,400; John W. Free & Co., \$14,300. Great credit is due the entire county organization, the chairman, all patriotic workers, committees, banks and volunteers everywhere, who all speak of the enthusiastic response on the part of citizens. The quota in each precinct is based as nearly as possible on the assessed valuation. The prompt and liberal response in Paw Paw township has been an inspiration to other precincts. As far as the estimates have been secured, the townships have all "Gone Over the Top," and will receive the honor flag. Paw Paw and Pine Grove townships will get the star in addition. The entire list of subscribers for Paw Paw township and other interesting data in connection with the drive is on our desk, and will be given space next week.

A conference was held at the office of David Anderson in Paw Paw on Monday, May 6th, for the purpose of determining the amount of money that would be needed by the War Board for war activities of Van Buren county for the year beginning May first, 1918 and ending May last, 1919. Those present at the conference were:—David Anderson, Chairman War Board; F. N. Wakeman, Sec. War Board; George W. Merriam, Treas. War Board; E. S. Dyckman, Finance Committee Red Cross; E. J. Kirby, Finance Committee Red Cross; W. R. Sellick, Chairman Purchasing Committee; A. L. Hindenach, Purchasing Surgical Dressings; Mrs. E. Chamberlain, Chairman Women's Work for County; Mrs. W. F. Hoyt, Sec. Women's Committee on War Relief; Miss Ola Killefer, County Sec. Red Cross; Miss Marion H. Boess, County Director Civilian Relief. After carefully canvassing the situation it was determined that the County must raise the sum of \$25,000 to meet the outside calls of the Red Cross War Fund, the Y. M. C. A. War Fund, the Knights of Columbus War Fund and other similar forms of war activity which receive the approval of President Wilson and of the War Board of the State. It was also found that the needs of the Purchasing Committee of the Red Cross would reach the sum of about \$20,000 and the needs of the Surgical Dressings Department would call for about \$20,000, and there would be other demands for local Civilian Relief, equipment, printing, etc. The conference decided that the County will need for the period above-mentioned the sum of \$75,000. The conference directed that a meeting be called at the Opera House in the village of Hartford on Tuesday, May 14th, at 10:00 A. M. This meeting is to be a conference of all City, Township, and School District Committees of the War Board. The apportionment of this \$75,000 fund will be announced at that time. Plans will be discussed and perfected for making the canvass of the County. It is expected that every member of the War Board in the county will be there, and as many more of the patriotic men and women of the county as can. The meeting will be open to every one.

SURGICAL DRESSING NOTES

The following ladies received crosses the past week:—Mrs. George Pugsley, for 32 hours service. Mrs. B. L. Sowle for 72 hours service. Mrs. Boyd Clapper for 32 hours service and Mrs. J. G. Boess for 32 hours service.

By a brand new arrangement, work will be handled hereafter only in quotas. For this reason our quotas will be larger. The present month's quota has not yet arrived, but workers will be urgently needed on Friday and Saturday of this week, when a part of our delayed work will be on hand. We have now a great plenty of gauze.

The Government has taken over the output of most of the gauze in this country for the purpose of getting the material at a uniform price. Bruce D. Smith, Manager Central Division Headquarters, says: "There is absolutely no intention of the American Red Cross to transfer the making of surgical dressings to the other side of the Atlantic. The workers are here and the supply of gauze is assured."

Mrs. Clapper is the first lady from the East-of-Town club to earn her cross, and it is especially commendable in that, her automobile was out of commission, she twice walked to town, four miles in the midst of this busy grape-vine season, rather than fail her pledged time. The example of this patriotic woman is a reproach to those of us who can get to the rooms so much more easily.

There have been many questions and some misunderstanding about the wearing of crosses. To settle these we print the following from the Central Division Bulletin from Chicago Headquarters:—"Aprons should be worn in all workrooms, and in Surgical Dressings workrooms, the head must be covered. The expression 'sign up for definite hours' simply means that in order to earn the right to wear the emblem, women must promise definite time and not merely come to the rooms when they have nothing else to do. This applies to workers in workrooms. There are many faithful workers doing splendid work outside of the workrooms who truly merit a reward for service, but this branch of the work presents too many difficulties to be satisfactorily solved as yet. As soon as we have any authority to give crosses for work done outside we will be very glad to do so."

The following extract from the Central Division Bulletin is very much to the point at this time:

"Be a True Red Cross Soldier." "The time is near at hand when all of us must show that we are good Red Cross Soldiers—especially those who are actively engaged in the production of supplies. As you all know there have been complications in supplying raw materials which the workers turn into various completed articles. These complications have been unavoidable and there will likely be more unavoidable ones in the future. It behooves every chapter and every worker to do his or her best to minimize the disadvantages of these complications to the last degree. How? By following orders with true, faithful, military precision. Do the work that is called for and in the way it is called for, and do nothing else. You will then be a genuine and effective worker, helping the army and the navy and your country."

Interesting letter from John A. Young of Asbestine, Virginia to The True Northerner. Mr. Young and family were formerly residents of Paw Paw and for many years he was Mail Carrier on Route No. 5 from the local office. The letter is like a visit with old friends, and will be of intense interest to readers of The True Northerner who have known this estimable family in the years gone by.

As a number of our friends in and around Paw Paw have expressed a desire to hear from us, I thought a short letter to The True Northerner would reach all of them.

We have been here now nearly a year, so have seen the country in the different seasons; and while our farming experiences last year were limited on account of our late start, some bad luck and disappointments, yet we are more than pleased with the country and our prospects here.

The climate is delightful, and the people as a rule, are very hospitable and kind.

Virginia is noted for its sunshine.

We have had two rainy spells this spring, when we did not see the sun for two days, which were about the only times we have seen it cloudy for more than a day at a time since we have been here, and very seldom do we have an entire cloudy day. We had plenty of rain last summer, but it came in showers. The sun will be shining brightly, when a cloud will appear over the mountain tops and in a very little while we will have a drenching rain that will last perhaps for half an hour; then old Sol will shine out brightly for the rest of the day. These showers come usually in the afternoon, and quite often we have seen the sun shining brightly on one side of us, while the other side was overcast with clouds and rain pouring down.

We have so many beautiful nights too. It seems as though the moon shines brighter and oftener here, perhaps because it is so seldom cloudy.

We have had no severe thunder storms or wind storms. Though we had snow on the ground from Christmas until February first, it never drifted, and was not over twelve inches deep at any time. Our winter was more severe than usual here as everywhere this year. The oldest inhabitants say they never saw so cold a winter, or so much snow.

Since February 5th, we have had delightful warm spring weather, so that I was able to work in my shirt sleeves in the woods during all that month.

We have found the climate to be very healthful. The children are growing strong and sturdy; I myself have put on flesh, and those who knew how Mrs. Young suffered with sick headaches will be glad to know that they have almost entirely disappeared. A great deal of the wood land can be bought here from \$4.00 to \$10.00 per acre, with enough wood on it to more than pay for the land. They sell ties of oak at 68, 78 and 88 cents each; green pine is sold to the pulp mills and brings five dollars per cord delivered at the nearest station, and even dead and fallen chestnut is sold for \$6.80 per cord to a firm who make an extract of it to be used in dyeing. Improved land, of course, sells higher, according to improvements and nearness to market.

The lack of local markets is one drawback we have here. The railroad towns are usually very small, consisting of one or two grocery stores, a hardware and general store, a post-office in the store, depot, mill and a few houses; so everything we buy is high, as all things must be shipped in or out.

The farmers here produce no more than they can consume and seldom as much as that, because of their lack of energy. They do not take enough interest in their farm work to try and improve the land. They do not sow clover or enough pasture to keep stock. If a farmer has one or two cows that is all he wants, and he generally lets them roam all over. Yet alfalfa and all other legumes do well here.

The soil is generally red clay, with a red clay subsoil. This soil is the color of brick, and when in good condition, works up very fine and mellow. In some places we have a grey loam, with red clay subsoil. This grey soil is a little quicker and easier to work than the red, though the red loam is considered the stronger.

This part of the state produced an excellent crop of corn last year. I never saw corn grow as tall as it does here. I saw it last fall fifteen feet tall with the ears three feet above my head. Of course this tall corn grew on river bottom land. Good wheat and all kinds of grain grow in this section. The woods are full of wild fruit of all kinds. Straw

Continued next week.